

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 12 and 22-24 have been amended. Claims 6-9 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 5, 10-12, 14-16 and 22-24 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 1, 5, 10-12, 14-16 and 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kazo (U.S. Patent 6,301,427) in view of Tanaka (U.S. Patent 4,982,390).

Independent claim 1 recites "indicating means comprising a time designation unit for indicating said video image data to be played back," and wherein said control unit "reads said indicated video image data according to said searched write address, and stores the read and indicated video image data having said predetermined amount in said second storage unit." Support for these features is found, for example, at page 7, lines 3-14, page 10, line 17 to page 12, line 23 and FIG. 1 of the present application.

Independent claim 12 recites "a time designation unit designating a time for indicating said video image data," and wherein the control unit "searches a write address of said indicated video image data from said storage table according to said indicated time of said time designation unit, reads said indicated video image data according to said searched write address, and stores the read and indicated video image data having said predetermined amount in said second storage unit."

Kazo discloses a system having a changer unit 22, a memory 14 for storing still picture data of each VTR, a memory 13 for storing recording hysteresis information such as VTR tape number, recorded start time, recorded end time and title of each VTR and a CPU 11 for recording base-band picture signals. Kazo, Column 5, line 30 to Column 6, line 49. The still picture data is recorded at an interval set by a user using an interfacing circuit 16. The user views the still picture data in the memory 14 and selects the desired recorded program from among numerous recorded programs in VTR.

Thus, Kazo discloses a system for recording an outer base-band picture signal in VTR, and having a memory 14 storing the recorded still picture and a memory 13 storing management information. In order to select a desired recorded program in VTR, the user views the still picture in memory 14 and selects the recorded program from the still picture, thus the desired programs are reproduced from the VTR corresponding to the still picture using the management information memory 13. Thus, the remote controller 50 of Kazo is used only to select the video data in the still picture.

The Examiner states that the claimed first storage, second storage and storage table respectively correspond to the changer unit 22, memory 14 and memory 13 in Kazo and the claimed indicating means corresponds to the CPU 11 and remote controller 50 in Kazo. That is, the memory 14 stores only a still picture in received picture signals and memory 13 stores recorded hysteresis of VTR.

Thus, Kazo fails to disclose an indicting means comprising a time designation unit to designate the write time of the video image data to be played back. Furthermore, Kazo fails to disclose that the write address and write time are stored in the storage table, as claimed.

Still further, Kazo further fails to disclose that the control unit and the user indicates a start time from the time designation unit to move the designated video data having a predetermined amount in the first storage unit to the second storage unit.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 12 is requested. Claims 5, 10-11, 14-16 and 22-24 depend from independent claims 1 and 12.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kazo in view of Tanaka and further in view of Browne et al. (WO 92/22983).

Claim 3 depends from independent claim 1 and is therefore patentably distinguishable over Kazo for at least the above reasons. It is respectfully submitted that Browne et al. does not overcome the above deficiencies in Kazo.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kazo in view of Tanaka and further in view of Yuen et al. (U.S. Patent 5,488,409). Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kazo in view of Tanaka and Yuen '409 in view of Yuen et al. (U.S. Patent 5,353,079).

Claims 6-9 are cancelled herein. Accordingly, the rejections are moot.

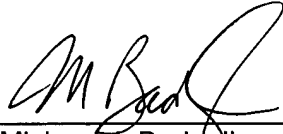
It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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